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An Evening Echo.

He serves his party best, who serves the country best.—RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.

Abundant Free Trade.

Obviously the Charleston Gazette is preparing to abandon the Democratic theory of free trade in favor of the Republican theory of protection, as it publishes the following quotation from Daniel Webster at the head of its editorial department:

"The protection of American labor against the injurious competition of foreign labor, so far, at least as respects general handicraft productions, is known historically to have been one end designed to be obtained by establishing the Constitution; and this object, and the constitutional power to accomplish it, ought never in any degree to be surrendered or compromised."

A Serious Mistake.

The action of the House of Delegates in voting to establish the office of commissioner of agriculture is above criticism, but, as the Huntington Herald-Dispatch points out, the members overlooked some necessary and essential fundamentals in that connection and by so doing have made the new office a sort of armature on the ship of state rather than one of practical service. Says the Huntington newspaper:

"A state commissioner of agriculture, however well and clearly defined his duties, must have something more tangible to stand upon than mere official dignity, and must have more important work to do than that of drawing his salary. The Herald-Dispatch has constantly and consistently urged the importance of fostering agriculture in West Virginia. It has held that the first essential in reclaiming the half-waste agricultural lands of the state and bringing them up to their natural possibilities lies in good roads. But waving this to be discussed in more proper place, it must here be said that the mere creation of the office of commissioner of agriculture will not of itself give farming and stock raising and fruit growing the needed impetus. Agricultural colleges must be founded and matured. The dignity of farming, its professional and scientific sides must be taught; its opportunities for financial betterment must be made clear. With the proper fundamentals to guarantee these things then there will be urgent need for a commissioner of agriculture and a great work for the right man to do.

"But it is hard to see the consistency of the action taken by the House of Delegates. On one day the members of that body vote to abolish the office of state highway commissioner, the next to abolish the state road fund, and then a few days later to create the office of commissioner of agriculture. Good roads is absolutely the only thing that will bring West Virginia agriculture up to a point approaching anything like its best possibilities. The legislators have made no mistake in voting to establish the office of commissioner of agriculture, but they have made a mistake in the practice of a policy tending to undo the progressive measures in favor of better highway conditions started by the Republican legislature two years ago."

Passing of Cornwell.

Perhaps the most pitiable figure in state politics today is the Ex-Honorable John J. Cornwell. Mr. Cornwell built from the village of Romney, in the eastern part of the state, where Democracy flourishes, although it has ceased to have any

significance. Cornwell comes of poor but honest parentage, and himself inherited their poverty. He has succeeded in the last few years, in removing this, the sole symptom of heredity.

Early in his political life Cornwell won the love and friendship of John T. McGraw, the impulsive statesman of Taylor county, who never does things by halves, and in this case the lavished upon his friend Cornwell favors in no stinted measure. He financed his campaigns and secured his election to various offices, and six years ago, by a supreme effort, he secured for him the nomination of his party for the high office of governor; and this at a time when prospects for the success of the party shone brightly. In order not to handicap his friend in the race, Col. McGraw was led to oppose the nomination of another friend who sought a place on the ticket, because the questionable character of his employment made him weak before the people. The colonel lost the friendship of this man as a matter of course, but he conferred another benefit upon Cornwell, whom he delighted to honor.

Although he could ill afford to do so, Colonel McGraw paid out of his own means practically all of the legitimate expenses of the campaign for his friend, throughout the entire state—no small outlay, we may readily surmise. Success almost achieved was the verdict upon his splendid efforts.

The prominence and success gained by Cornwell from the labor and sacrifice of McGraw placed him in a position to secure any reasonable honor from his party. He was seriously considered for the United States senatorship.

For all this, what reward was reaped by Colonel McGraw? We think your answer is, "at least the lifelong friendship and eternal gratitude of Cornwell." That answer is not unexpected, but it flows from a belief in the Golden Rule, not the Rule of Gold. We are compelled to answer our own question differently.

For sixteen years preceding the year 1910, Col. McGraw almost single handed, fought the battles of the Democratic party in the state. He gave his time, his means, his brains, his diligent heart-service, to the cause of his party. He never faltered, not even when success seemed too remote to form the fabric of a dream.

At last, from repeated efforts and great sacrifices, in the year 1910, came success. Patient service and continued toil gained a triumph for the Democratic party. It was not unknown that Colonel McGraw cherished as a life-long ambition an opportunity to serve his state and country in the Senate of the United States.

The hour of realization of this heart-hope struck, when the result of the election of 1910 was flashed over the state.

Col. McGraw stood out pre-eminently the choice of his party for that high honor. More than ninety out of every hundred Democrats in the state favored his selection. He was fairly and deservedly the choice of his people, and by their votes they thought to confer that gift as a recognition of splendid worth and long service upon him, the First Man of his party in the state. He should have received this gift with the plaudits of all his fellow Democrats. It was necessary to stifle every sense of justice and prompting of gratitude to deny him.

But the days of Democratic gratitude are dead. Corporate greed with the brute force of money corruptly debauched a state and tore the wreath of victory from the brow of the man whose sixteen years of devotion to a party had fairly won it. The unholy combination of everything that is evil in political life crushed the aspiration of life, and robbed a man of that which was dearer than land or gold, and which was rightfully his own by the spontaneous gift of his people.

Coming from a part of the state where his entire constituency earnestly desired the election of McGraw; and bearing upon him the favors heaped high in past years, by this same man, JOHN J. CORNWELL was found at Charleston, zealous in the service of plutocracy, without gratitude, and devoid of shame, toiling to deprive McGraw of the honor which was his by the verdict of the people. He contributed not a little toward the downfall of his patron, and the purchased success of the Watson-Chilton conspiracy. The man whom McGraw assisted in keeping off the ticket

when Cornwell was the nominee for governor was at Charleston during the recent carnival of corruption, aiding that criminal combination, doing such work as his employment for past years rendered him peculiarly fitted, and when McGraw held Cornwell working hand in hand with him, his heart must have uttered in silence the reproach heaped upon the world's premier ingrate, "et tu Brute."

But the greatest pity of it all is, that the sting of defeat is sharpened by the shattered conceptions of a lifetime. That "something near divine," called "friendship," proves but a hollow mockery, and gratitude a name and nothing more.

In contemplating these things a life must be embittered by the treachery of an ingrate, and Col. McGraw must count not only political honors, but the friendship of a lifetime and faith in mankind among the "lost." But if justice merely sleeps and is not dead, it surely will prove to be vale Cornwell.

"Let not the land once proud of him (Revile him now,
Nor brand with deeper shame his dim,
Dishonored brow."

COPIES

Of War Department's Orders Concerning Elkins's Death Are Sent Out.

The following death notice is being sent to the militia of this state:

General Orders No. 6.
War Department,
Washington, Jan. 10, 1911.
The following is published to the army for the information and guidance of all concerned:

War Department,
Washington, Jan. 5, 1911.

Orders:
The Secretary of War announces with sorrow the death of the Honorable Stephen Benton Elkins, which occurred on the 4th instant at his residence in this city.

Mr. Elkins was Secretary of War during the administration of President Harrison from December 22, 1891, to the close of that administration, his resignation taking effect March 6, 1893.

In February, 1894, Mr. Elkins was elected to the United States Senate from the State of West Virginia and took his seat March 4, 1895. He was re-elected in 1901, and again in 1907 for the term which will expire March 3, 1913. He was a broad-minded, forceful, kindly man, whose personality endeared him to his associates in the various relations of a long and active life. His loss will be deeply felt in his state and in the nation, to whose services his last years were given. As a mark of respect to his memory it is ordered that the flags at all military posts be displayed at half staff on the day of the funeral, January 7, 1911.

J. M. DICKSON,
Secretary of War.
(1731677, A. G. O.)

By order of the Secretary of War:
LEONARD WOOD,

Major General, Chief of Staff.

Official:
HENRY P. McCANN,
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DAVIE ARRESTED.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—A cablegram was received here today from Rio Janeiro announcing the arrest of Robert E. Davie, "boy broker," of Boston, who is charged with the embezzlement of upwards of half a million dollars from a large number of persons.

HATFIELD KILLS MAN.

MEXICALI, Mex., Feb. 24.—"Wild Bill" Hatfield, one of the famous McCoy-Hatfield feudists of Kentucky, who is an American recruit in General Leyva's rebel army, shot and killed a Mexican insurgent last night. Nothing has been done with Hatfield by the Insurrectos.

WATKINS COMING.

Theodore Clark, of Chicago, is in the city arranging a date for Aaron W. Watkins, LL.D., noted lecturer. The date is announced as March 8 at night in the court house. Admission will be free.

S. Nussbaum is in the east on business.

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